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SUBJECT: BIODATA ON JORDANIAN OFFICERS INVOLVED IN UAE
MILITARY SURVEY

1. AS BACKGROUND FOR EMBASSY ABU DHABI AND DEPARTMENT,
BIODATA IS FORWARDED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING JORDANIAN
OFFICERS:

(A) MAJ. GEN. 'AWWAD KHALDI, JORDANIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON
JORDANIAN, SAUDI, KUWAITI MILITARY STUDY GROUP IN ABU DHABI
AND

(B) BRIG. ALAWI JARAD, CURRENTLY DESIGNATED TO HEAD EVENTUAL
JORDANIAN MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP TO UAEM

2. BRIG. JARAD, ABOUT 45, IS COMMANDING GEN. OF 3D ARMD DIV.,
TRADITIONALLY THE KEY UNIT IN JAF.
HE IS THUS HIGHLY TRUSTED BY KING
HUSSEIN. JARAD TRIES TO AVOID POLITICAL MANEUVERING AND
APPEARS CONTENT TO FOCUS ON TRAINING AND OPERATIONS OF HIS
DIVISION. ALTHOUGH HE IS REGARDED HIGHLY BY BOTH HIS SUB-
ORDINATES AND SUPERIORS, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT HE IS
BEING GROOMED FOR ANY HIGHER POSITION WITHIN JAF AND WILL
MOST LIKELY RETIRE FROM PRESENT POSITION.

3. ALTHOUGH HE USUALLY AVOIDS SOCIALIZING, JARAD GOES
OUT OF HIS WAY TO SHOW LIKING FOR US AND AMERICAN.
ACCEPTING MOST OFFICIAL INVITATIONS FROM AMERICANS. HE
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IS NOT KNOWN TO ATTEND OTHER PARTIES HOSTED BY FOREIGNERS.

JARAD IS MARRIED AND SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH. HE HAS UNDERGONE TRAINING AT FORT KNOX.

4. MAJ. GEN. 'AWWAD MUHAMMAD ATIN KHALDI, 45, WAS APPOINTED INSPECTOR GENERAL OF JORDAN ARMED FORCES IN JAN. '75 AND AS SUCH IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO KING HUSSEIN. AT TIME OF APPT. HAD JUST RETURNED FROM UK WAR COLLEGE. PREVIOUSLY (SEPT. '70-DEC. '73) WAS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION FOR JAF. KHALDI IS HIGHLY-TRUSTED CONFIDANT OF KING WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN MANDATE TO REPORT ACCURATELY ON MORALE OF ARMY, THE MAIN PROP OF MONARCHY. HE IS PERHAPS THE MOST CAPABLE SENIOR JORDANIAN STAFF OFFICER.

5. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: ATTENDED US ARMY COMMAND AND GEN. STAFF COLLEGE (FORT LEAVENWORTH) JUNE '59 AND US INFANTRY OFFICER CAREER COURSE (FORT BENNING) MARCH '63. ALSO HAD THREE YEARS' MILITARY TRAINING IN UNITED KINGDOM. WAS NAMED CO OF 25TH INFANTRY BDE IN 1965 AND OF 2D INFANTRY BDE. IN 1967. IN 1968 BECAME COMMANDANT OF STAFF COLLEGE. WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF JAA TRAINING JULY 1969 AND HEAD OF KEY PLANNING AND OPERATIONS SECTION OF JAF FROM 1971-4, WHEN HE ATTENDED U.K. IMPERIAL WAR COLLEGE IN LONDON. ACCOMPANIED KING HUSSEIN ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO STATE IN 1972. NEXT TO COS BIN SHAKER, KHALDI HAS PROBABLY THE GREATEST INFLUENCE WITH KING HUSSEIN

6. KHALDI, A BEDOUIN OF BENI KHALID TRIBE, IS MARRIED AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HE IS FRIENDLY WITH AMERICANS AND IS POLITICALLY SOPHISTICATED.
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